

DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

*Science and Technology Advisory Panel*

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The Honorable William R. Graham  
Director, Office of Science and  
Technology Policy  
Washington, D.C. 20506

Dear Dr. Graham:

This is a brief note to follow up the invitation tendered to you by Dr. Julian Nall to be the guest of the DCI's Science and Technology Advisory Panel for dinner on 14 January 1987. Drinks will be served at 7:00 P.M., with dinner beginning about an hour later, at La Mirabelle Restaurant, 6645 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA (telephone: 893-8484).

As you may recall, the panel is a group of scientists and executives from outside government whose principal purpose is to serve as a source of independent advice for the Director of Central Intelligence on a variety of scientific, technological, and managerial matters. The panel, which is chaired by [redacted] meets three times a year in formal session and throughout the year in small working groups.

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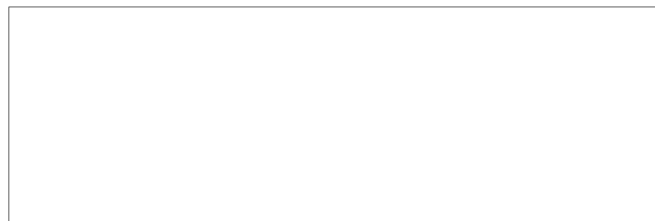
The discussions during dinner are understood to be unofficial and informal and we have no set agenda. The evening is intended to provide a relaxed, social atmosphere so that you can become better acquainted with the members, and they with you. The panel, however, is interested in learning what science and technology issues are of concern to you and in exploring how the group might be able to assist you. Although we will be dining in a private room, La Mirabelle is, nevertheless, a public place, and all discussion must be unclassified.

I have enclosed a membership list and a resume of the panel's mission and functions. If you have any questions or if I can be of any assistance, please call me at [redacted]

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Sincerely,

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Enclosures:  
As Stated [redacted]

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#### STAP RESUME

The Science and Technology Advisory Panel (STAP) was formed by the Director of Central Intelligence in 1976. It serves the DCI as a source of independent advice and expertise on a variety of scientific, technical, and management issues. The membership includes renowned senior scientists, executives, and other leaders from industry and academe.

The STAP meets quarterly in plenary session where, inter alia, formal briefings are presented, reports approved, and direct consultation with the DCI is effected. At other times small working groups or sub-panels are formed to respond to DCI tasking, address specific issues, and provide STAP participation in technical studies or other ongoing projects.

The STAP also responds to requests for assistance from any Deputy Director or senior line manager who believes a STAP member's expertise may contribute to resolving a difficult technical intelligence problem. STAP assistance may be in the form of an informal discussion, a written memorandum, or a formal study or report signed by the Chairman and forwarded to the DCI.

Principal functions of the STAP include:

- To insure the DCI and senior Intelligence Community managers are forewarned of significant advances in state-of-the-art technology and in new applications of existing technology.
- To identify and highlight the implications of current and future S&T developments for intelligence activity.
- To provide linkages and interactions between the Intelligence Community and the scientific and technical communities in industry, academe, and government, as appropriate.
- To provide a quality control mechanism; an outside source for objective evaluation of current and planned S&T-related intelligence activity.
- To review evidence on existing S&T intelligence "enigmas" and to introduce new thinking and suggest avenues for solving these unknowns.